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VIETNAM

Enemy action overnight consisted largely of scattered shellings of allied bases in the provinces around Saigon, according to preliminary reports. There are continuing indications, however, that the enemy is planning activity on a larger scale for the near future, probably in the form of widespread shellings that marked earlier "high points." Some ground probes against allied installations are also likely.

MIDDLE EAST

An International Red Cross official confirms that the two Israelis being held by the Syrians are well.

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The Red Cross official has the impression that Syria still is in no hurry to release them. Damascus apparently is still hoping for some sort of quid pro quo from Israel.

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LAOS

Government guerrilla forces moving northeast of the Plaine des Jarres have occupied Khang Khay, the military and administrative headquarters for Pathet Lao and dissident neutralist forces in Xieng Khouang Province. The town, which was also the site of a Chinese Communist diplomatic mission, had been abandoned by the enemy.

SOVIET UNION - LIBYA

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BRAZIL

Factions within the Brazilian military are still trying to agree on a single leader to replace the triumvirate. We have many rumors but no good information on whom they will pick. We doubt, however, that the maneuvering will go on

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much longer, since most officers are in agreement that nothing could put the cherished unity of the military in greater jeopardy than an extended leadership crisis. The decision could come in a high command meeting scheduled for 18 or 19 September.

LATE ITEM--MIDDLE EAST

An Israeli military spokesman has announced that Egyptian aircraft attempted to strike into Sinai this morning. Tel Aviv claims the attack was turned back and that two of the planes were shot down. Cairo radio, in its announcement, states the attack was directed at "enemy forces and air defense positions" in the central and northern parts of Sinai.

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